

WILL PROVOKE JAPAN

Movement of Fleet to Pacific May Bring War.

HOODLUMS WILL START ATTACK

With Battleships in Pacific They Will Become Bold and Japan Will Surely Retaliate.

Washington, Aug. 3.—There was much jubilation on the part of naval officers today over the specific and unqualified announcement at Oyster Bay that the battleships of the Atlantic fleet will be sent to the Pacific. Until this statement was made by authority of President Roosevelt there was a growing feeling on the part of naval officers that these vessels would not be sent around Cape Horn.

One of the most substantial officers of the navy believes that the sending of these battleships to the California coast will cause so much irritation that war between the United States and Japan will be the result. They are already figuring on promotions, as history has shown that advancement in the naval service is much more rapid during war than in peace.

All naval officers are forbidden to discuss international questions for publication, but privately they do not hesitate to declare that they believe that as soon as the Atlantic fleet starts on its long voyage to the Pacific the Japanese government will send one of its fleets to the coast of California or to the Atlantic coast.

They declare that the presence of the battleships of Admiral Evans on the Pacific will cause the people in that part of the country to become more bold in their attacks on the Japanese. This, they say, will cause irritation, which they fear will lead to serious consequences.

ADD NEW TRAIN.

Southern Pacific Will Inaugurate New Express Service.

Portland, Aug. 3.—Harriman officials, both in Portland and San Francisco, are seriously considering placing a special mail and express train on the Portland-San Francisco run. It is expected that a decision will be reached in a few days. Railroad officials are inclined to think the additional service is assured, although the train will have to be officially ordered by General Manager Calvin from the San Francisco office.

The proposed new train will be reserved exclusively for handling mail and express, and is being considered as an expedient for relieving existing congested conditions, which, it is said, are responsible largely for the unsatisfactory passenger service on this branch of the Southern Pacific. This special will carry no passengers.

The express business on this line has increased to an extent that it is impossible to handle it with the facilities that are now provided in the passenger trains and at the same time make schedule time with these trains. By combining both the express and mail business and handling it with a special train, the railroad officials figure that it will be possible to operate its passenger trains on schedule time, since it is the discharging and receiving of express that invariably delays trains.

Eight Injured in Elevator.

Cincinnati, Aug. 3.—A peculiar accident on an elevator in the power building, at Eighth and Sycamore streets, last evening, seriously injured eight persons. The car was running by electricity and a broken connection in a switchboard extinguished the lights and took from the operator the power to control the car. As a result the crowd reached the bottom in safety, although in darkness, and then, by a sudden renewal of power, the elevator went to the top of the shaft so rapidly that the balancing weights were thrown off and in falling struck several passengers.

Fires Rage in Foothills.

Visalia, Cal., Aug. 3.—A disastrous fire has raged all day along the foothills ten miles east of this city. The territory devastated will probably amount to 75 or 100 square miles. The entire population is fighting the fire and reports received are very meager. From here the flames could be seen late at night, climbing the low-lying hills, apparently still beyond control. A number of barns and outbuildings have been consumed, as well as many stacks of hay and grain, besides thousands of acres of wild feed.

Bind McGee Over for Perjury.

Boise, Idaho, Aug. 3.—Dr. L. L. McGee, of Wallace was bound over by Probate Judge Leonard Thursday to answer the charge of perjury lodged against him because of certain testimony given by him in the Haywood trial.

ANOTHER NEW YORK CRIME.

Brutal Murder of Women and Girls in Metropolis Continues.

New York, Aug. 3.—"The graveyard," as the foreign populated neighborhood on First avenue, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets is known locally, gave up today a fresh crime, rivaling in atrocity the mysterious butcheries of last week. The latest discovered victim was an 8-year-old girl, and, like the two young women murdered, she had been shockingly mistreated before death and the body mutilated when life was extinct.

The three murders were strikingly similar. Last Thursday night a woman was strangled in a Twenty-second street boardinghouse; the next morning the body of a still unidentified woman, who had been choked to death, was found in an areaway in East Nineteenth street. Katie Pritschler, daughter of a restaurant walter, disappeared a week ago today and was killed that night. A ribbon placed about the throat and drawn so tightly that it cut the flesh, showed how she died. Her body was found today.

If the brutality of the murders can be qualified, that of the Pritschler girl ranks first. She was assaulted, murdered and then her lifeless form was horribly mutilated.

NINE MEN CHOSEN.

Good Progress Made in Selecting Jury to Try Halsey.

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—Comparatively rapid progress was made yesterday in the trial of Theodore V. Halsey for the alleged bribery of Supervisor Loneran. Halsey, as former agent of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, is the second of the public utilities corporation men to be brought to the bar by the bribery graft prosecution and the indictment on which he went to trial is the first of 13 similar ones that have been returned against him.

Forty-eight veniremen were examined during the day, and of these nine withstood the qualification tests and were accepted, subject to peremptory challenge by either side, ten peremptories resting with the defense and five with the prosecution.

District Attorney Langdon conducted the examinations for the prosecution. He is supported by Special Counsel Hiram Johnson and Assistant District Attorney William Hoff Cook. Bert Schlessinger examined for the defense. With him at the counsel table in Halsey's behalf are Delphin M. Delmas and Henry H. McPike. If Judge Lawlor overrules the objection of the defense to the commencement of Louis Glass' new trial next Monday and requires it to go on at that time, Mr. Delmas will probably withdraw temporarily from the Halsey case in order to take part in the defense of Glass.

Tornado Destroys Town.

Victoria, Kan., Aug. 2.—All efforts to reach Marquette, reported to have been destroyed by a tornado last night, have failed. The Missouri Pacific Railway telegraph operator at Marquette was notified by the agent at Geneseo, west of there, that the depot was almost destroyed by wind, and that three inches of water stood in the depot, when the wire failed. McPherson, southeast of Marquette, was reached by telephone. That place had heard the report but could not communicate with Marquette. All other wires are down. Marquette was destroyed by a tornado in 1905, 27 persons being killed and over a hundred and fifty injured.

Rates to West Lowered.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—Reductions in interstate fares from all the prominent places in the East to the principal points west of Chicago and St. Louis will be made August 6 by the Eastern railroads, special permission to do so having been granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Because of the reductions in interstate fares made by the Western railroads, owing to the passage of 2-cent fare laws by many states, passengers from Eastern and Western points have been able to save from \$1 to \$6 by buying a ticket over Eastern roads only to their Western terminals and then rebuying over a Western line to their destination.

Buy Meat in Australia.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 2.—Major O. Long, dispatched to Australia and New Zealand by the British army council to inspect the packing houses of the antipodes with a view to securing supplies of tinned meats for the British army, arrived by the steamer Manuka today, on his way to England, via Chicago, where he will look over the packing houses. He said the supplies in future would be taken in greater quantities from Australia. Major Long said the business in Australia was conducted under wholesale conditions.

Trunk With Money Lost.

Watertown, Wis., Aug. 2.—A trunk containing securities to the value of \$200,000 has been found here and is now on its way to the rightful owner. An expressman at Chicago shipped for Otto Heincken, a teacher of this city, the trunk containing the bonds and left Mr. Heincken's trunk at Chicago. Mr. Heincken notified the express company which made the exchange with great alacrity.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

COUNTY SEAT FIGHT ON.

Wallowa Anxious to Contest Honors With Town of Enterprise.

Wallowa—The Wallowa Commercial Club has voted unanimously for the beginning of a county seat fight. John McDonald, S. T. Combs and Dr. G. W. Gregg were appointed a committee on finance, while C. T. McDaniel, Mayor J. P. Morelock and Councilman Edgar Marvin will arrange for the circulation of petitions to secure the vote next June. The meeting was well attended and the promise of support from Joseph was officially announced.

The county seat is now at Enterprise and much dissatisfaction has been manifest for the past year. The county owns no public buildings and is practically in the position of a new county. The vote to be taken next June will decide the location of the county seat definitely, and every effort possible will be put forth on each side.

The aspirations of Wallowa have long been growing and have at length taken form. The struggle was provoked by the action of residents of Enterprise a week ago in attempting to get the county court to build a courthouse. Their offer was a \$125,000 courthouse. The county court tabled the proposal indefinitely, pending the action of the voters at the next election. The strength of the two towns is almost evenly divided with a large element in the county as yet undecided.

Railroad Laborers Scarce.

Huntington—Work on the Northwest Railroad is progressing slowly owing to the scarcity of men, who prefer to work in the harvest fields, greatly to the inconvenience of the railroad contractors. Work will begin next week of laying rails and putting in culverts of iron pipes in the large gulches leading from the mountain sides. This means a great saving of time and money to the contractors, who now have to haul their supplies 40 and 50 miles by wagon.

Tramps Infest LaGrande.

LaGrande—The town is overrun with hoboes and many thefts, some of considerable magnitude, have been committed. Nineteen tramps were run out a couple of days ago, among whom was C. J. Dent, locally known as "the Portland Prince." He has often been in the city jail and boasts of having "done up" a Portland officer.

Survey Route to Lakeview.

Klamath Falls—A crew of surveyors under Chief Engineer Journey has pitched camp just east of this city and has begun work on a railroad survey to Lakeview. The engineers say the purpose of the survey is to determine a route from this city into Lake county. The men are in the employ of the Southern Pacific Company.

Clackamas Farm Brings \$10,000.

Oregon City—Robert J. Brown, one of the potato kings of New Era, has sold his 270-acre farm 1½ miles east of New Era, to G. E. Pottratz, of Marion county, for \$10,000, or nearly \$60 per acre, and the purchaser has taken immediate possession. Mr. Brown will remain in Clackamas county and purchase a smaller farm.

Trains to Wallowa Soon.

Eglin—It is conservatively estimated by engineers who have been over the grade that trains will be running from Eglin to Wallowa over the Wallowa extension of the O. R. & N. in 60 days. The grade is practically completed and the work of laying the track is being rushed with all possible speed.

Short Crop About Lebanon.

Lebanon—The first threshers in Linn county started up a few days ago on this year's crop of grain. The yield will not be up to the average. The hay crop in Linn county is also short this year and the prevailing price for good hay is higher than for years.

Bids for New Mail Route.

Baker City—Postmaster Lachner has received orders from Washington instructing him to advertise for bids for a stage line to operate from Baker City to Unity and Hereford, on Burnt River, a distance of about 40 miles.

Heavy Hay and Grain Yields.

La Grande—The Amalgamated Sugar Company has begun harvesting the hay and grain on its different farms. They have 225 men and 75 teams at work. The crop yields are heavy.

Dates for Clackamas Fair.

Oregon City—The first county fair to be held in Clackamas county will take place at Gladstone Park Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 9, 10 and 11.

New Buildings for Corvallis.

Salem—At a special meeting of the State Board of Education, the contract for the building of the new Mechanics' Hall in connection with the Agricultural College at Corvallis was awarded to A. F. Peterson, of Salem, for \$37,363, and for the steam-heating plant for the same building to Gardner, Kendall & Co., of Portland, for \$3,525. These were the lowest bids offered. Each successful bidder must furnish a bond in the sum of 50 per cent of the amount of the respective contracts and the building must be completed and ready for occupancy on or before February 1 of next year.

Land Sales Drop.

Salem—The total amount of collections for the sale of school, tide and swamp land, interest on certificates, etc., in the State Land Department for the month of July, as shown by the statement issued by Clerk G. G. Brown, of the State Land Board, was \$47,785.37, which is a considerable falling off from the volume of business conducted last month, when the receipts reached a total of over \$100,000. This latter, however, was due to the transactions incident to the cancellation and repurchasing of certificates resulting from the land fraud investigations.

Railroad Not to Blame.

Salem—According to the reply of Superintendent L. R. Fields, enclosing a statement from Station Agent William Merriman, of Portland, answering the complaint of J. A. McDonald, of McMinnville, who represented to the Railroad Commission that he was unable to get a carload of sand shipped from Portland to McMinnville, the blame for the non-arrival of the car was due to the Central Sand Company, of Portland, who failed to load the car delivered them for the sand, which, at last reports, was standing empty on the siding.

Fund for Maintenance Only.

Salem—Attorney-General Crawford has given an opinion to the State Board of Normal School Regents that the appropriation for normals could only be expended for maintenance and repairs, and no part of the money could be utilized for the construction of new buildings. This is for the special benefit of President Mulkey, of the Ashland normal, who urged the immediate need of some new buildings to accommodate the growth and demands of that institution.

\$200 an Acre for Farm.

Oregon City—Forty thousand dollars has been paid for the Oswego farm of Albert Walling and Presley Jarrisch. The place is practically all under cultivation and embraces about 200 acres, bringing an average of \$200 per acre. This is believed to be the largest price ever paid for Clackamas County farm property.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Club, 80c; bluestem, 82c; valley, 80c; red, 78c.
Oats—No. 1 white, 25c; gray, nominal.
Barley—Feed, \$21.50@22 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$23.50@24.50.
Corn—Whole, 28c; cracked, 29c per ton.
Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@23; clover, 49; cheat, \$9@10; grain hay, \$9@10; alfalfa, \$13@14.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 27c@30c per pound.
Poultry—Average old hens, 12c@13c per pound; mixed chickens, 12c@13c; spring chickens, 15c@16c; old roosters, 8c@9c; dressed chickens, 16c@17c; turkeys, live, 12c@15c; turkeys, dressed, choice, nominal; geese, live, 8c@11c; ducks, 8c@14c.
Eggs—French ranch, candied, 22c@23c per dozen.
Fruits—Cherries, 8c@12c a pound; apples, \$1.50@2.25 per box; Spitzenbergs, \$3.50 per box; cantaloupes, \$2.50@3.50 per crate; peaches, 60c@1.25 per crate; raspberries, \$1.25@1.50 per crate; blackberries, 5c@7c per pound; loganberries, 1c per crate; apricots, \$1.50@2 per crate.
Vegetables—Turnips, \$1.75 per sack; carrots, 2c per sack; beets, 2c per sack; asparagus, 10c per pound; beans, 3c@5c per pound; cabbage, 2c@3c per pound; celery, \$1.25 per dozen; corn, 25c@35c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c@1.00 per box; lettuce, head, 25c per dozen; onions, 15c@20c per dozen; peas, 4c@5c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; tomatoes, \$1@1.25 per crate.
Potatoes—New, 1c@2c per pound. Veal—Dressed, 5c@8c per pound. Beef—Dressed, 3c@4c per pound; cows, 6c@8c; country steers, 6c@7c.
Mutton—Dressed, fancy, 8c@9c per pound; ordinary, 5c@7c; spring lambs, 9c@9c per pound.
Pork—Dressed, 6c@8c per pound. Hops—6c@7c per pound, according to quality.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, 16c@22c per pound, according to shrinkage; valley, 20c@22c, according to fineness; mohair choice, 29c@30c a pound.

VESSELS DISREGARD FOG.

Desire to Make Fast Time Cause of Many Wrecks.

San Francisco, July 31.—The testimony of the officers of the steam schooner San Pedro, before Captain John Birmingham today, demonstrated clearly that the habit of Coast skippers, said to be practically universal, of running their vessels at full speed regardless of the fog, was mainly responsible for the wreck of the Columbia and its terrible consequences.

Chief Mate B. Hendricksen, who was in charge of the San Pedro at the time of the collision, testified that, when he first heard the fog signals of the Columbia, he did not slow down and that, when the passenger vessel loomed out of the fog, it was too late to do anything but try to make the collision as slight as possible.

He appears to have acted with dispatch and good judgment when he sighted the Columbia; but at that time, according to his testimony, the ships were not more than a boat's length apart, and not much was possible. There was no time to go to starboard. He therefore blew the danger signal, four short blasts, ordered the engines stopped and threw the helm hard a port. He did not order the engines reversed, he explained, because he hoped to throw the San Pedro around so as to strike a glancing blow, and in order to do this it was necessary to keep sufficient way on her. The San Pedro had been making about eight knots, and was probably making five when she struck the Columbia.

MOYER FREE ONCE MORE.

Bond for Bail Furnished After Long Wait for Cash.

Boise, Idaho, July 31.—After a delay of nearly 36 hours, Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, was released from the Ada county jail at a late hour last night on a bond of \$5,000 signed by Timothy Regan and Thomas J. Jones of Boise.

Moyer will leave for Salt Lake tonight in company with William D. Haywood, who on Sunday was acquitted of the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg. After a stop of a few hours in Salt Lake City, they will proceed to Denver, the headquarters of the federation. It was proposed to file a cash bond in the sum of \$25,000, but the money did not arrive in time, and rather than allow Moyer to remain another night in jail, his attorneys decided, after all, to let a personal bond suffice.

Steve Adams who was expected to be an important witness at the trial, but who was not called by either side, was taken back to Wallace to await a second trial on the charge of murder there. His first trial resulted in a disagreement. Formal application was made in the District Court to have George A. Pettibone admitted to bail. The motion was submitted without argument, and was promptly denied by Judge Wood.

SLY OLD JOHN BULL.

Steals March on Uncle Sam at The Hague Conference.

The Hague, July 31.—The British delegation is working on a proposition, which, when it is presented, will cause considerable surprise. As already cable, the representatives of the United States have been privately discussing with other leading delegates the advisability of the United States presenting a proposition for the periodical meeting of the conference, it should meet quinquennially June 2, beginning in 1912.

The British delegation went ahead of the Americans, having already communicated in the strictest secrecy to only a few delegates its proposition on the same subject, establishing it septennially, but that two years before the meeting special representatives of Great Britain, France, Germany, the United States, Russia, Italy, Austria and Japan should meet to prepare the work for the conference, pre-arranging everything connected with its organization and the matters to be taken under advisement.

New Line Across Rockies.

Helena, Mont., July 31.—The Northern Pacific has let a contract to Shepard, Siema & Company for the building of a new line over the Rocky Mountains west from this city, presumably for the purpose of heading off the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, which evidently purposes tapping Helena on its line from Lombard to Garrison. The route over the mountains will be by way of McDonald Pass, and will result in the abandonment of Mullan Tunnel, the longest on the Northern Pacific system.

Train Robber Caught.

Butte, Mont., July 31.—George Tower was arrested today for the holdup of the North Coast Limited in March and the murder of Clow, the engineer. Towers gives no occupation. He is about 28 years of age. The landlady of a lodging house identified him as a lodger who brought into her house the night before the murder a valise in which was found the giant powder which was to have been used in blowing upon the express safe.

HAYWOOD GOES FREE

Jury Deliberated 21 Hours, With Two for Conviction.

PRISONER QUIETLY DISCHARGED

Shakes Hands With Counsel, Thanks Each Juror, and Goes to See His Mother.

Boise, July 28.—Into the bright sunshine of a beautiful Sunday morning, into the stillness of a city drowsy with the lazy slumber of a summer Sunday, William D. Haywood, the defendant in one of the most noted trials involving conspiracy and murder that the country has ever known, walked yesterday a free man, acquitted of the murder of Former Governor Frank Steunenberg.

The probability of a verdict of acquittal in the case of the secretary, treasurer and acknowledged leader of the Western Federation of Miners had been freely predicted since Saturday, when Judge Fremont Wood read his charge.

It was also freely predicted that in the event of Haywood's acquittal the state would abandon the prosecution of his associates, Charles H. Moyer, the president of the Federation, and George A. Pettibone, of Denver. Statements from counsel and from Governor Gooding issued today dispel this view of the situation.

It was after being out for 21 hours that the jury, which at first had been divided eight for acquittal, two for conviction and two blank, and then seemed deadlocked at 10 for acquittal to two for conviction, finally came to an agreement shortly after the first faint streaks of the coming day showed gray above the giant hills which bound Boise to the north and east. The weary old bailiff, who had kept an all-night vigil before the door of the jury-room, was started into action by an imperative knock from within. Events moved rapidly enough after this, and hardly at last the principal actors in the trial had been gathered into the courtroom a few moments before 8 o'clock, when the white envelope was handed by the foreman to the judge and was torn open and the verdict read.

GLASS JURY DISAGREES.

Vote Stood Seven to Five for Conviction—New Trial Soon.

San Francisco, July 28.—After 16 ballots, in which there was small variation from the original standing of the body—seven for conviction and five for acquittal, the jury in the Louis Glass bribery case was discharged this afternoon by Judge Lawlor.

There was no disagreement as to the payment of a bribe, but it was contended by the men who voted for acquittal that the crime had not been positively fastened upon Glass.

The retrial of the case has been set for August 5. Tomorrow morning, Theodore V. Halsey, who acted as the bribery agent of the Pacific Telephone Company, will be placed on trial. The prosecution anticipates no trouble in convicting Halsey, and has openly stated that if necessary he will be granted immunity if he will take the stand and tell the truth.

The prosecution will lose no time in placing Glass on trial again. If Zimmer, whose testimony would convict Glass in two minutes, persists in his refusal to answer questions as the witness stand, he will be punished to the extent of the California law, which allows imprisonment for six months for each such refusal. By this process Zimmer can be given a total of nearly five years in prison.

Danies He Attacked Hansen.

San Francisco, July 29.—Third Officer Hawee, of the wrecked steamer Columbia, has made a statement in which he denies the charges made against him. Referring to Captain Hansen, he says: "I never did criticize his conduct, but simply made my report to the United States inspectors of hulls and boilers, in accordance with the facts, and ventured the opinion that had the San Pedro allowed me to discharge the survivors from the boat, I would have had a chance to rescue more."

Kill Brutal Husbands.

Chicago, Ill., July 29.—The killing of husbands who beat their wives was advocated by Judge Tuthill in the course of a divorce suit tried before him yesterday. Indignant at a woman's description of the inhuman treatment to which she had been subjected by the man who claimed to be "her master," and aroused by statements that his abuse had taken place in the presence of men who would not interfere, Judge Tuthill declared that in extreme cases violence should be met with violence, no matter what the consequences.

New Assassination Plot Found.

St. Petersburg, July 27.—The police today unearthed a plot to assassinate the Minister of War, General Roediger. Several members of the military organization of the Social Revolutionists were arrested.